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The Honorable Board of Supervisors
County of Los Angeles
383 Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration
500 West Temple Street
Los Angeles, California 90012

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September 27, 2016

Lori Glasgow
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EXECUTIVE OFFICER

Dear Supervisors:

**APPROVAL OF MAXIMUM AND MINIMUM
2017 TICKET PRICE SCHEDULE FOR
HOLLYWOOD BOWL
(SUPERVISORIAL DISTRICT 3) (3 VOTES)**

SUBJECT

Request to approve revisions to the 2017 Hollywood Bowl season maximum and minimum ticket price schedule proposed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association. Revisions to Hollywood Bowl's ticket prices for the 2017 season are based on an annual review of prices.

IT IS RECOMMENDED THAT THE BOARD AFTER THE PUBLIC HEARING:

1. Find that the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act for the reasons cited herein.
2. Approve revisions to the 2017 Hollywood Bowl season maximum and minimum ticket price schedule proposed by the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association, as provided in the resolution. Instruct the Executive Officer of your Board to execute the attached resolution.

PURPOSE/JUSTIFICATION OF RECOMMENDED ACTION

The Los Angeles Philharmonic Association (Association) has submitted its proposed schedule for maximum and minimum ticket prices for the 2017 Hollywood Bowl season as required by the Operating Agreement between the County of Los Angeles (County) and the Association.

The Association seeks to increase ticket prices, as outlined in Attachment II, to accommodate increased production, labor, marketing, and artists' costs. It should be noted, however, that in some instances the Association is recommending to maintain or decrease prices. The Association has developed a price schedule that keeps tickets reasonable and competitive with other similar venues in Los Angeles County.

The Hollywood Bowl ticket increases are based on a six-tiered structure which includes Tuesday and Thursday Classical, Wednesday Jazz, Friday Pop, Saturday Pop, Sunday Pop, and Sunday World Music performances. Forty percent of all tickets (6,913 seats) are at proposed prices of \$29 or less (\$31 or less on Sunday World and \$35 or less on Saturday). A quarter of all seats on Tuesday and Thursday Classical (4,646 seats) are at proposed prices of \$17 or less. Sixteen percent of all tickets on Wednesday Jazz (2,730 seats) are at proposed prices of \$15 or less.

The Association maintains the tradition of offering \$1 tickets for Tuesday Classical, Wednesday Jazz, and Thursday Classical performances on the 380 top benches of Hollywood Bowl. In addition, Box seat ticket prices reflect unique benefits at Hollywood Bowl, and there are no other comparable outdoor venues that offer these benefits. Due to changing sales patterns, prices could vary for some concerts closer to the performance date (higher or lower), though the minimum and maximum prices within each concert category will not change. This practice is implemented by most major arts and sports organizations in the Los Angeles community.

The Association has submitted the following 2017 season fee increases for the Board's consideration:

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Parking:

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Implementation of Strategic Plan Goals

The proposed recommendations will further the County's Strategic Plan Goal of Operational Effectiveness/Fiscal Sustainability (Goal 1), by increasing revenues, enriching lives through cost-effective activities, and creating affordable, accessible, and quality activities to the surrounding community.

FISCAL IMPACT/FINANCING

The recommended actions will not have an impact on the County's General Fund. On June 22, 2004, the Board approved a 30-year Operating Lease between the County and the Association for the operation and maintenance of Hollywood Bowl. The new Operating Lease eliminated the Annual Net County Cost contribution and stipulated that the Association reimburse the County for all operating and maintenance expenses incurred at Hollywood Bowl via monthly rent payments. In addition, the lease established the Hollywood Bowl Improvement Fund, primarily earmarked for capital expenditures, equipment and services or supplies for Hollywood Bowl.

The total funds in the Hollywood Bowl Improvement Fund for 2017 are estimated to be \$978,150, and will be used, as always, for capital expenditures, equipment, and services and supplies for Hollywood Bowl. This includes approximately \$28,490 in additional funds which will be generated by the recommended ticket price increases.

Operating Budget Impact

The recommended actions will not impact the Department of Parks and Recreation's operating budget.

FACTS AND PROVISIONS/LEGAL REQUIREMENTS

The Operating Lease between the County and the Association requires that the Board approve changes to pricing schedule for tickets at Hollywood Bowl after a noticed public hearing. The Board last approved changes to the ticket prices on September 22, 2015.

In accordance with Section 50402 of the Government Code, these changes may be approved by a resolution of the Board.

The proposed fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval.

The complete proposed pricing schedule is outlined in Attachment II.

County Counsel has approved the attached resolution as to form.

Public Hearing Notice

Pursuant to Section 66018 of the California Government Code, prior to adopting a new fee or approving an increase in an existing fee, a local agency shall hold a public hearing. In accordance with Section 6062a of the California Government Code, notice of the hearing shall be published. The County is in compliance with the requirements of these sections.

ENVIRONMENTAL DOCUMENTATION

Approval of the proposed action is statutorily exempt from the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), according to Section 15273(a)(1)(2)(3)(4) of State CEQA Guidelines because CEQA does not apply to the establishment, modification, structuring, restructuring, or approval of rates, tolls, fares, or other charges by public agencies. The proposed action is also exempt from CEQA because it is for the purpose of: (1) meeting operating expenses, including employee wage rates and fringe benefits, (2) purchasing and leasing supplies, equipment or materials, (3) meeting financial reserve needs and requirements, and/or (4) obtaining funds for capital projects necessary to maintain service within existing service areas, pursuant to Section 21080(b) 8(A)(B)(C)(D) of the Public Resources Code.

IMPACT ON CURRENT SERVICES (OR PROJECTS)

The increases are not anticipated to have a significant impact on services at the affected facilities.

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CONCLUSION

Please instruct the Executive Officer-Clerk of the Board to forward three adopted copies of this letter to the Department of Parks and Recreation for distribution.

Should you have any questions please contact Kasey Dizon at (213) 738-2986 or kdizon@parks.lacounty.gov, or Kaye Michelson at (213) 738-2955 or kmichelson@parks.lacounty.gov.

Respectfully submitted,



JOHN WICKER
Director

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Attachments

c: Chief Executive Officer
County Counsel
Executive Officer, Board of Supervisors

**RESOLUTION TO INCREASE TICKET PRICES
AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

WHEREAS, the Lease Agreement Number 74998 ("Agreement") between Los Angeles County ("County") and the Los Angeles Philharmonic Association ("Association") executed on June 22, 2004, requires the Association to submit its proposed maximum and minimum schedule of ticket prices to the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors for approval; and

WHEREAS, it is in the County's interest to maintain the high standards expected by the public at Hollywood Bowl; and

WHEREAS, the Association has submitted its proposed schedule in accordance with the Agreement; and

WHEREAS, these increases will help offset operating costs; and

WHEREAS, the increases to the pricing schedule will allow for Hollywood Bowl to provide high caliber events which is in the public interest and welfare; and

WHEREAS, the proposed fees are exempt from Proposition 26 under Exception No. 2: Section 1 (e) (2) Exception for Fees for Services and Products Provided and Exception No. 4 Section 1 (e) (4)'s Exception for Use of Government Property and do not need to obtain California voter approval for fees; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to Government Code Section 50402, the County has the authority to charge for use of park and recreational facilities as may be provided by resolution of the governing body; and

WHEREAS, the County has conducted a noticed public hearing on the fee increases; and

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles, State of California as follows:

The Association may make the adjustments to the maximum and minimum ticket price schedule only as outlined in "Attachment II" entitled "Los Angeles Philharmonic Association Hollywood Bowl 2017 Ticket Prices."

The foregoing resolution was adopted on the 27th day of September, 2016, by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles and ex-officio the governing body of all other special assessment and taxing districts, agencies and authorities for which said Board so acts.



Lori Glasgow, Executive Officer-Clerk
Of the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los
Angeles

By

Deputy

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

Mary Wickham
County Counsel

By

Principal Deputy County Counsel

Attachment II

	Los	Angeles	Philharmonic	Association	Hollywood	Bowl	2017	Ticket	Prices
	Tuesday and Thursday Classical			Wednesday Jazz			Sunday World Music		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/	Ticket	Ticket	Increase/
	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>Prices</u>	<u>(Decrease)</u>
Pool Circle	\$ 149.00	\$ 154.00	\$5.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 156.00	\$5.00	\$ 151.00	\$ 155.00	\$4.00
Garden Boxes	\$ 113.00	\$ 116.00	\$3.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 121.00	\$4.00	\$ 117.00	\$ 120.00	\$3.00
Terrace Boxes	\$ 98.00	\$ 101.00	\$3.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 104.00	\$3.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 106.00	\$3.00
Side Boxes	\$ 98.00	\$ 101.00	\$3.00	\$ 101.00	\$ 104.00	\$3.00	\$ 103.00	\$ 106.00	\$3.00
Ramps	\$ 56.00	\$ 57.00	\$1.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.00	\$2.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 64.00	\$2.00
D & E	\$ 46.00	\$ 47.00	\$1.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 48.00	\$1.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 53.00	\$2.00
G2 & J2	\$ 46.00	\$ 47.00	\$1.00	\$ 47.00	\$ 48.00	\$1.00	\$ 51.00	\$ 53.00	\$2.00
Superseats	\$ 56.00	\$ 57.00	\$1.00	\$ 60.00	\$ 62.00	\$2.00	\$ 62.00	\$ 64.00	\$2.00
F & K	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.00	\$1.00	\$ 36.00	\$ 37.00	\$1.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.00	\$1.00
M & N	\$ 31.00	\$ 32.00	\$1.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.00	\$1.00	\$ 35.00	\$ 36.00	\$1.00
L & P	\$ 23.00	\$ 23.00	\$0.00	\$ 25.00	\$ 26.00	\$1.00	\$ 30.00	\$ 31.00	\$1.00
R, S, T	\$ 16.00	\$ 17.00	\$1.00	\$ 22.00	\$ 22.00	\$0.00	\$ 26.00	\$ 27.00	\$1.00
Q & U	\$ 12.00	\$ 13.00	\$1.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$0.00	\$ 24.00	\$ 25.00	\$1.00
W	\$ 8.00	\$ 8.00	\$0.00	\$ 9.00	\$ 9.00	\$0.00	\$ 18.00	\$ 18.00	\$0.00
V & X	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$0.00	\$ 1.00	\$ 1.00	\$0.00	\$ 14.00	\$ 14.00	\$0.00

	Friday & Sunday Pop			Saturday Pop			Special Events		
	2016	2017		2016	2017		2016	2017	
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Pool Circle	\$ 182.00	\$ 189.00	\$7.00	\$ 189.00	\$ 196.00	\$7.00	\$330.00	\$340.00	\$10.00
Garden Boxes	\$ 142.00	\$ 147.00	\$5.00	\$ 149.00	\$ 155.00	\$6.00	\$330.00	\$340.00	\$10.00
Terrace Boxes	\$ 125.00	\$ 130.00	\$5.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 136.00	\$5.00	\$223.00	\$230.00	\$7.00
Side Boxes	\$ 125.00	\$ 130.00	\$5.00	\$ 131.00	\$ 136.00	\$5.00	\$223.00	\$230.00	\$7.00
Ramps	\$ 66.00	\$ 68.00	\$2.00	\$ 70.00	\$ 72.00	\$2.00	\$127.00	\$131.00	\$4.00
D & E	\$ 59.00	\$ 61.00	\$2.00	\$ 64.00	\$ 66.00	\$2.00	\$127.00	\$131.00	\$4.00
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M & N	\$ 37.00	\$ 38.00	\$1.00	\$ 41.00	\$ 42.00	\$1.00	\$89.00	\$92.00	\$3.00
L & P	\$ 28.00	\$ 29.00	\$1.00	\$ 34.00	\$ 35.00	\$1.00	\$77.00	\$80.00	\$3.00
R, S, T	\$ 26.00	\$ 26.00	\$0.00	\$ 29.00	\$ 30.00	\$1.00	\$61.00	\$63.00	\$2.00
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	2016		2017	
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Hollywood Bowl				
Gala Benefit	\$190.00	\$25.00	\$200.00	\$26.00
	\$50.00	\$1.00	\$50.00	\$1.00
Parking (standard sized vehicle)				
Includes 10% city parking tax				
Buses and limosines are double				

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
PROPOSED INCREASES IN TICKET PRICES
AT HOLLYWOOD BOWL**

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held by the Board of Supervisors of the County of Los Angeles in the matter of increasing ticket prices at Hollywood Bowl. Said hearing will be held on September 27, 2016 in the Hearing Room of the Board of Supervisors, Room 383, Kenneth Hahn Hall of Administration, 500 West Temple Street (corner of Temple and Grand Avenue), Los Angeles, California 90012. Further notice is given that the Board of Supervisors may continue this hearing from time to time.

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Para información en español, favor de llamar al teléfono (213) 738-2952.

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